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## CASSINGTON AND WORTON NEWS

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# HAPPY EASTER



12th April  
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*(For more information on opening hours and Covid arrangements see p 3)*



### TREE AND HEDGE PLANTING AT ST PETER'S SCHOOL

On Saturday 26th February, with the help of some wonderful and skilled volunteers from the village, we planted around 1000 saplings that will create a hedge and diverse habitat for wildlife along the forest school side of the field and the pond side.

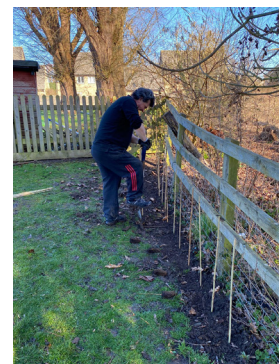


The children have also each planted their own sapling and we have a rota system for ensuring they are well watered and cared for at lunchtimes. It will be an interesting race between the youngest children in the school and the hedge as to which will be taller by the time they get to year 6!



Top Power Wash in Eynsham have been incredibly generous and given us a 50m hose which will make the adults' summer watering task a lot easier.

A huge thank you to the expert knowledge and organisation of Stew Thompson and volunteers Alex Rogers, Helena Nielsen, Graham Mills, James Clarke, Lesley & Peter Sharpin, and also to Mark Finch who gave his time and two of his workers for the day. Mark also kindly donated and fitted trellis work at the end of the field which looks absolutely amazing – our sincerest thanks. It was a glorious day for weather and so lovely to work with such a wonderful team of people (The sight of Bridget bringing sandwiches was a glorious sight, thank you!).



And of course a huge, huge thank you to the ever-present Emily, who as always gives so much of her time to the school. For the arborists among you, the species we have planted are: Downy

Birch, Hornbeam, Hazel, Beech, Crab Apple, Blackthorn and Rowan.

For more school news please see p14.

Contributions should be provided by 20th of the month. Email submissions (in the body or as a Word attachment) to: [cawneditor@gmail.com](mailto:cawneditor@gmail.com). Photographs should be supplied as separate attachments, not placed in the Word file. Typed or clearly handwritten submissions may be posted to: Anne Luttmann-Johnson, 3 Foxwell Court, Cassington, OX29 4DW. We look forward to hearing from you.

# welcome

Anne's CAWNer

Headline news this month - the pubs are opening again, and slowly life might be returning to some sort of normality. At last we have something in the What's On diary on the back page, as well reports in this, the 526th edition, of the opening up of the sports facilities and some football and cricket fixtures.

We also have a feature this month on health and well being, from NuMotion, a new business started by Sasha Constance and Ciara Glover. Here at CAWN we are very keen to support new businesses, especially when they have been set up by our young people. So if you are a Cassington resident starting a new business please talk to us about how we can help you to grow your business, and you can contribute interesting features for us.

Also this month I must thank Alex Rogers for his two articles on the Save the Allotment campaign and the initial Neighbourhood Plan meeting. Thanks also to Jess le Fevre for her delicious sounding recipes, and Jon Jefferies for his lovely report on tree planting and other activities at the school.

As always please do let me know what you would like to see more of in this publication, and I shall try and oblige.

Have a lovely Easter weekend. See you in the pub on 12th April! Mine's a G & T!

Anne x

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## With special thanks to...

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## Elections 2021

Elections are due to take place on 6 May 2021 for both Oxfordshire County Council and West Oxfordshire District Council (WODC), which was postponed from May 2020.

In order to vote you need to be registered on the electoral roll. You can register on line at <https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/voter> or you can contact WODC. The deadline to register to vote is midnight on Monday 19th April.

Arrangements are being put in place to make voting as Covid safe as possible, however if you are concerned about going to vote in person then you can apply for a postal vote. You do this by applying online using the same website as shown above or by contacting WODC. The deadline to apply for a postal vote is 5pm on Tuesday 20th April 2021.

If you are unable to make it to the polling station, then you can nominate someone to be your proxy and cast your vote for you. The proxy needs to be a registered voter and able to attend the voter's own polling station. Applications for proxy voting need to be sent to the District Council by no later than 5pm on Tuesday 27 April.

More information around the local elections for 2021 can be found at our website: <https://www.westoxon.gov.uk/about-the-council/elections-and-voting/current-and-future-elections/>

## April stargazing highlights

### April 12 - New Moon.

The Moon will be located on the same side of the Earth as the Sun and will not be visible in the night sky. This is the best time of the month to observe faint objects such as galaxies and star clusters because there is no moonlight.

### April 22-23 - Lyrids Meteor Shower

The Lyrids is an average shower, usually producing about 20 meteors per hour at its peak. The shower runs annually and peaks this year on the night of the 22nd and morning of the 23rd. These meteors sometimes produce bright dust trails that last for several seconds. The nearly full moon will be a problem this year. Its glare will block out all but the brightest meteors. But you may still be able to catch a few good ones. Best viewing will be from a dark location after midnight. Meteors will radiate from the constellation Lyra, but can appear anywhere in the sky..

### April 27 - Full Moon Supermoon

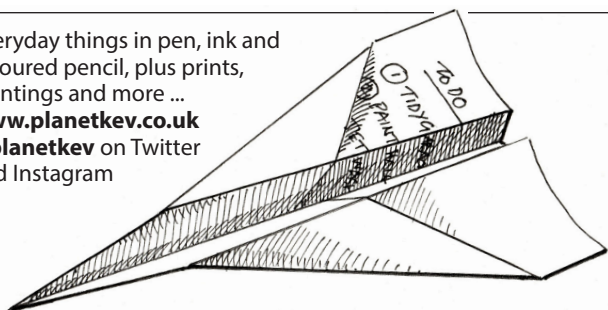
The Moon will be located on the opposite side of the Earth to the Sun and its face will be will be fully illuminated. This full moon was known by early Native American tribes as the Pink Moon because it marked the appearance of the moss pink, or wild ground phlox, which is one of the first spring flowers. This moon has also been known as the Sprouting Grass Moon, the Growing Moon, and the Egg Moon. Many coastal tribes called it the Fish Moon because this was the time that the shad swam upstream to spawn. When the Moon is closest to the Earth on the same night as a Full Moon, it is known as a Supermoon. While Supermoons happen every year, the Moon can appear up to 14% bigger and 30% brighter and so is well worth a look!



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# WANTED

Photographs of Cassington then and now! The Parish Council clerk has been working on the new website and would like to have a gallery of photographs of Cassington through the years. Do you have any pictures that you would like to share. If so please email the clerk on:

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The Red Lion garden will be opening for drinkers on the 12th April. No-one will be able to enter pub except to use the toilets (with face covering). So the front doors will remain locked and signs will direct you to the garden where there will be seated drinks service for groups of 6 to a table. The week commencing 12th April opening hours will be 2pm until 10pm. The week commencing 19th April the opening hours will return to old 4pm till 10pm, although we may close if the weather's bad.

The Chequers will be opening on 12th April for food and drink seated at the tables in front of the pub. Table service for groups of 6, with entry to the pub only to use the toilets.

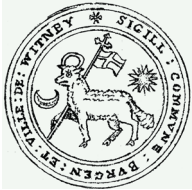
Opening hours from 12 midday until late.



### **“The Lamb and Flag” pub closure, Witney emblem and Easter**

I was very sad to hear back in January that the ancient pub “The Lamb and Flag” in St Giles is not to reopen after the pandemic. As well as it being of great historic significance it is a pub which holds many happy memories for Jane and I from our courting and early married years. My hope is that it may yet be saved.

However, the symbol of the Lamb and Flag crops up in other places locally. It features on the current Arms of Witney Town Council and also features on the “Ancient seal of the borough of Witney” from 1574.



The Lamb and Flag is a very early Christian symbol. The ring around the head of the lamb is a halo because the lamb symbolizes Christ. The flag was originally just a cross which over time became a flag and symbolizes the cross of Christ.

But why the association with Witney? The answer is that the lamb and flag symbol is that of John the Baptist who was frequently associated with medieval textile or cloth guilds, one of which may have been in Witney with its history of blanket making dating back to that time and beyond.

At Easter, on the cross, Christ became the one perfect sacrificial, saving, ‘lamb’ echoing the Passover lamb of the Hebrew Exodus for Egypt. Famously John the Baptist is recorded as saying to his followers, on seeing, Jesus, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!”. (Page 102 in your Jubilee new Testament”).

What John did not know was that on Easter Sunday Christ would rise again defeating death and giving us an eternal hope as well as sins atoned for.

Happy Easter  
Roger Aston

PS The Lamb and Flag pub in St Giles is owned by St John’s College (as it is now known) but the full name of the college is “The College of St John the Baptist”. Hence the name of the pub.

### **The Little Things**

“It’s the little things citizens do. That’s what makes the difference. My little thing is planting trees”.

Wangari Maathai was the first African woman to win the Nobel peace prize. And she won it not for a ‘little thing’ but for setting up the Green Belt Movement which has planted 51 million trees in Kenya!

Concerned about the impact of colonialism on deforestation and the disempowerment of rural communities, Wangari worked with local women to plant indigenous trees from seeds they collected. This reduced soil erosion, lessened the impact of flooding and drought as well as empowering women.

I wonder what ‘little thing’ is yours that will help the planet or the village?  
Helena Nielsen.

### **Please remember to support our local Food Banks**

Many thanks to all of you who are continuing to donate food and money to our local food banks. Our collection box for food donations is at the entrance of St Peter’s Church Cassington we are supporting:  
Eynsham Food bank (07738 063083)  
North Oxfordshire Food Bank (07929 721172)



Please donate tins and dried foods (that are at least 6 months before their “best before date”).

If you would like to support these food banks financially, or if you need some food support or know someone in need of food support please phone the food banks directly at the numbers above or contact our clergy Duncan Fraser (vicar) 07810324088 or Roger Aston (curate) 01865 880757 or your Neighbourhood Watch rep.

Thank you.

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The following services are correct at the time of print, but please check our website [www.stpeterschurchcassington.org](http://www.stpeterschurchcassington.org) or contact the Church Office for up to date information.

### 1<sup>st</sup> April 8pm MAUNDY THURSDAY Benefice Tenebrae Service at St Leonard's Church, Eynsham

2<sup>nd</sup> April 2pm  
GOOD FRIDAY  
(Meditation at the Cross)



4<sup>th</sup> April 9.30am  
EASTER DAY  
CELEBRATION

### 9.30am - Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> April

The church is open for individuals' private prayer daily. There are clear instructions regarding the use of the church including permitted areas, and hand sanitizer is provided for everyone using the church.

On-line streamed services are available every Sunday from 10.30am at [www.stpeterschurchcassington.org](http://www.stpeterschurchcassington.org) or [www.stleonardseyنشam.org.uk](http://www.stleonardseyنشam.org.uk)

A phone line where anyone can phone in at any time to listen to our latest services is available on **01865 965018**. There are no additional charges for those who phone in.

Do contact us if you would like details about our children's and youth work.

If you have particular spiritual or prayer needs please feel free to contact:

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*Associate Curate – Revd Roger Aston Tel: 01865 880757*

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The Church opens 15 minutes before each Mass so it is possible that if you come at the last minute there might not be room for you. So far there has always been room for everyone.

Father Mark, the Parish Priest, still says Mass privately every weekday. You can always contact him to ask for special prayers. Just remember that you are being prayed for. You can also watch Mass from many other Churches live or recorded online.

Churchservices.tv  
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## Recollections of Cassington

This month we bring you the third and final installment of Ian Waters' recollections from his younger days, as told to his grandson Steve Wright.

When we first had electricity you had three lights and one socket and anything else you had to pay for. It was wonderful to have electricity, being able to switch the radio on. You had a big battery and an accumulator that you had to get charged, so you'd take it up to Goodman's at Eynsham. You had to make sure you didn't get any of the acid on your clothes or it would burn a hole in it.



Pop Waters with Derek Waters on the old Tuckwell Pit site in Bell Lane

All the boys then used to have catapults. The first thing I hit with a catapult was myself. I was with George Hatwell going over the old gravel pit one day and he said 'I bet you can't hit that accumulator.'

I said 'I bet I could' and luckily I did! It was made of glass so all that fell off and the rest of it was hanging there. I never did live it down. Poor old George died a little while ago.

During the war the Airbases sprung up in the Cotswolds like mushrooms. We got stopped on one one day and this thing came in and it was shot to bits. We worked 24/7 and you could tell at night when there was going to be a raid, especially under a full moon. We'd be working away all under blackout at the Bicester hanger and all the pheasants would start hollering. When pheasants are hollering at night, there's something wrong. When it was nearly over, you'd see a searchlight beam and stand dead straight.



The Laurels

We went to school here until we were eleven and then got the bus to Gosford Hill. We always told people we went to high school because it was on a hill. At the school here, one old lady lived in the school house. There was a teacher who used to come

from Witney, get a bus to Eynsham and then bike over here. We had a good woodwork master, and if you did anything wrong in there - it was a big old building with no central heating or anything - he'd gather all the class round to have a little ceremony and he'd cremate it!

Sylvia used to get on well with the cookery teacher. I didn't have the school dinners though - I'd take my own.

The playing field wasn't there. That was all Duke of Marlborough's land and Elms Road appeared in 1946/47. As time went on, they wanted this playing field. There was talk of it being where the school is now because you'd get a bit of land off the Duke. How they got it around the Duke I don't know but they more or less got it for nothing at the top of Elms Road. We all mucked in and got that going, giving about sixpence a week to help towards it. It was a good thing and the atmosphere was different.



School Field next to Conce Walk early 1900's.

## RECIPES OF THE MONTH

So these are both recipes for sunny days, as we emerge from lockdown and start to enjoy bbq's with friends!

The first is a Brazilian chopped salad - amazing served with anything.

### Brazilian Chopped Salad

To be honest I hate long, wordy recipes with loads of detail. The reason I like this type of recipe is because it's simple & open to interpretation/variation. Quantities can be varied - everything just needs to be finely chopped, by which I mean 1-2cm (although I think this is personal taste & preference!)

#### Ingredients:

Tomatoes (different colours if you can), sliced and diced to a similar size as other ingredients, avocado, fennel - raw, red onion, watermelon (some people like seeds some don't!) but generally if you're finely chopping most seeds will have come out, feta, lots of fresh mint, hearts of palm (optional if you can get them - come tinned in this country so already prepared.)

Dressing: lime juice, olive oil, crushed garlic, honey, more mint & salt/pepper.

The next is a no-churn marguerita ice-cream (no ice-cream maker needed). It's really easy and great served in glasses with the rims dipped in egg white then salt!

### Marguerita Ice-Cream

Serves 6:

125ml lime juice  
2tbsp tequila  
3tbsp Cointreau  
150g icing sugar  
500ml double cream

Dissolve the lime & alcohol into the sugar, add the cream & softly whip - smooth not stiff peaks. Freeze overnight in an airtight container.

Happy Spring/Summer everyone!

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**The War is Still Not Won:  
An Update From Cassington Allotment Association**

Despite the recent gale-force winds and rain spring is definitely in the air at Cassington Allotments. Frisky frogs have laid bundles of spawn in some of Sam Serra's ponds, trees are budding and in the hedges Lords and Ladies are sprouting from the ground. In the last few days we signed another 5 year lease on Cassington Allotments which at face value seems like good news. However, this lease has a 6-month eviction clause and conversations with Dominic Hare at Blenheim Estates indicate that they fully intend to present the village with another plan for building on the allotments.



Viewing the plot via Google Earth suggest to me that this will be just the first part of a likely larger development. They have left a truncated road entrance in the Williams Court development connecting to the fields to the north which suggests an intention to build bigger.

On the positive side, the designation of Cassington Allotments as an Asset of Community Value, the fact that it is on Green Belt Land and its obvious value to wildlife as well as the well being of our village, all help to fend off this unwanted development. The fact that Blenheim Estates have shown no inclination to wait for, or participate in the Neighbourhood Plan, suggests that they prefer to steam roller the villagers and impose this development on us. We do not intend to let this happen. It is therefore extremely important that you all show us your support in the coming months so Cassington gets the future it wants through adoption of a mutually agreed Neighbourhood Plan. Who knows, perhaps Blenheim Estates might join the village in planning our future together?

Alex Rogers, Chair of the Cassington Allotment Association

**Cassington Neighbourhood Plan**

Neighbourhood Plans are an important democratic process at the local level, aimed to give residents of a particular area or, in our case village, a say in the way future development takes place. The objective is to understand what people want and need in terms of the future of their place of living.

Neighbourhood Plans are very important in the context of the West Oxfordshire District Plan as they give locals an important say in any future development of settlements classed as Villages, which includes Cassington. As we have already seen, without a Neighbourhood Plan, villages have little defence against developers. Adoption of a Neighbourhood Plan is a formal process and requires approval by the District Council.

On the 22nd February the Cassington Neighbourhood Plan Committee met for the first time. The village was represented by Ian Finlay, Anne Luttman-Johnson and Alex Rogers, with Tracey Cameron, the Parish Clerk, taking notes for the Parish Council. Also present were Neil Homer and Leani Haim from Oneil Homer, a company which has consulted on about 150 Neighbourhood Plans.

The first meeting was to scope what would be required in the Cassington Neighbourhood Plan. Issues affecting the Parish were discussed including problems, threats and opportunities for the future. The main concerns raised included over-development of the village, traffic, local flooding and drainage.

Neil and Leani applied what they had learned from previous Neighbourhood Planning activities.

Most interesting was the fact that West Oxfordshire District Council appear to have completely neglected the village in terms of an impact assessment of surrounding development at Eynsham/ Salt Cross (3,200 houses) and Yarnton / Begbroke (up to 4,400 houses) on traffic, pollution and other adverse consequences.

Everyone agreed there was a very modest requirement for future housing (the recent housing survey indicated 10 social / affordable rental dwellings and 3 starter homes) but the question was where these could be built with a positive effect on the village.

Other discussion points included the need for a small village shop, the school and opportunities for local education and public rights of way to the countryside.

This is very much a process driven by the people of Cassington so we will be consulting with the village on all the matters discussed and others that are raised. In the meantime, if anyone has views or great ideas relating to the future of our village then now is the time to come forward.

Neil and Leani saw no reason why the Neighbourhood Plan could not be completed quickly but the Parish Council has to raise the funds to pay for their services. We look forward to the next meeting.

Alex Rogers



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# Parish Council News

March 2021

Previous Parish Council Minutes can be found online at <http://www.wospweb.com/site/Cassington-Online/Parish-Council.htm>

## Parish Council meeting

The next Zoom meeting will be on Thursday April 1st at 7.30 pm. Please contact the clerk if you want to attend.

## Blenheim proposal for allotment site development.

The Parish Council have been told by Blenheim that another plan is going to be put forward.

## Horsmere Lane and Cassington Lights

The current application does not show any mitigation work at the lights with the closure of Horsmere Lane which is shown in the application. OCC have set up a working party for these and other issues to be discussed. The first meeting is planned for Friday 19th March, which is too late for a report in this issue. Information should be available for the Parish Council meeting.

## Website.

Work is very much in progress and the clerk hopes to have a draft for comment in April.

## School crossing/ 20mph zone. (as last month)

The clerk has been in touch with OCC regarding the rollout of this initiative and is awaiting further information.

## Tree Planting Recreation field

The Parish Council have received tremendous support for this with 9 sponsorships coming forward. The contractor has been given the order and it is hoped that the trees will be planted later next month.

## A40 Park and Ride Proposal

The Parish Council were presented with a new document outlining the time scales and more details on the proposal on Friday 19th March. It does seem that we may now have a conduit to put forward our requirements around the closure of Horsmere lane and revisions at Cassington Lights.

A meeting has been arranged for us to put forward our ideas. If you require a copy of the proposal from Friday 19th March please contact the clerk and a copy will be forwarded. We will discuss this in detail at the Parish Council meeting on the 1st of April and would invite all to let us know your concerns for presentation on Wednesday 7th April. All correspondence to the clerk.

As a starter these are some issues already raised: -

- Slip road and revisions to sequencing of the lights
- Noise from both the construction process but also road noise from the proposed surfacing
- Lower speed limit through the junction.
- Drainage and the clearance and maintenance of culverts
- Night working and disruption from the construction work.
- HGV vehicles breaking the weight limit and using Cassington as a rat run.

## Dog Waste

Extra signs have been purchased and these will be put up shortly. The Parish Council approved another dog waste bin near the entrance to the track and this will be in place soon. The Parish Council have had to enter into a separate contract for emptying which will involve cost to the council. Others are part of the old scheme administered by and paid for by WODC.

## War Memorial.

The clerk is obtaining quotes for the remedial works and is also following up on the registering of the Memorial with English Heritage

## Neighbourhood Plan.

The first meeting was in February and a report will be made at our next PC meeting.

## Proposed Carterton to Yarnton rail link

There is a separate article in CAWN this month which we encourage all to read.

N.B Clerk contact details

Tracey Cameron

Email [cassingtonclerk@gmail.com](mailto:cassingtonclerk@gmail.com)

Tel 01993 622750.

The Parish Council meeting for April 2021 will be on Zoom. See invitation below for further details.

Chairman: Cllr. Hugh Thomas, 20 The Green

Cllr. Julie Perrin, Triwood, 44 Eynsham Rd

Cllr. Barbara King, 9 St Peter's Close

Cllr. Dave Butlin, The Squirrels, Bell Lane

Cllr. Chris Metcalf, 2 The Tennis

## Cassington Parish Council

### Public Zoom Meeting

Thursday 1st April at 7.30pm

You are invited to attend Cassington Parish Council's Zoom meeting. An agenda will be published on the notice board 4 days before the meeting. If you are unable to make the meeting but wish to make a comment please email me at

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## Proposed Railway connection Carterton to Yarnton

The Parish Council have received an email detailing proposals for this railway line. The email arrived too late for a report in CAWN.

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### How Much?

As we get everything set up, we are offering all our classes for the price of a donation. We greatly appreciate any and all support in these beginning stages. Come check out the quality of the classes and see for yourself how they can benefit you. We promise, you won't regret it.

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## NEWS FROM ST PETER'S SCHOOL



On Monday 8th March, we welcomed the children back to school after eight weeks of home learning. After so much time away, the children clearly loved being in their classes and amongst their friends again. We had several emails from villagers saying how lovely it was to hear the sound of children playing at breaktimes once more.

We have made huge progress with our school environmental projects recently, as you will have seen from the article on the front page this month.

Thursday 4th March was World Book Day and the children absolutely surpassed themselves with the quality of their submissions. Staff recorded themselves reading a story and the children took tips on how they could do their own. After picking a book and writing a book review they then filmed themselves reading a story. They were so engaging and fun - it's great to see the children building their confidence in this way!

The children also made props related to books from household items and again the use of their imagination was mind blowing! Have a look on the website for lots of examples! <https://www.st-petersoxon.co.uk/reading/>

Continuing the theme of reading, the school very much wanted to pay tribute to Bob Butler who, over the years, did so much for the school. We are currently organising to have story circle benches and a throne installed on the field which the children are very excited about. In talking to the children about what we are doing and why, so many of the children were able to recall fond memories of Bob which included reading with them, adventures in forest school and playing 'What's the time, Mr Wolf?'. He will be missed but very much remembered.

Jon Jeffries  
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## SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

At the time of writing Government Covid guidelines are due to be eased on 29th March to allow sports venues to open. Assuming this goes to plan, by the time you read this the MUGA will be available for members to use for tennis, in accordance with the guidelines in force at the time.

As members have been unable to use the MUGA, because of lockdown restrictions, the Sports and Social Committee have agreed that all memberships should be extended by 4 months to cover this. It was also agreed that when membership does fall due it will be kept at the same rate as last year, which is £25 per family living in Cassington. At present we are not accepting membership from those outside the village, until all Covid restrictions are lifted.

We are in the process of drawing up an Hardship Policy so that anyone who wants to become a member, but can't afford the subscription, can apply to the Committee for a reduction or waiver of the fee. Please email the Committee on [cassingtonsport@millsclan.force9.co.uk](mailto:cassingtonsport@millsclan.force9.co.uk) if you would like to see the policy and/or apply for relief.

The Sports and Social Club would like to thank Piers Lewis very much for his kind donation of sports equipment including tennis rackets and hockey sticks. These are available for anyone to use and are being stored in the garage. Please email the Committee on the email above if you would like to borrow any of this equipment.

The Committee would also like to thank the anonymous donor who gave us a movie screen. We look forward to the date when we can organise events again, and put it to use.

The Sports and Social Club AGM will be held on Sunday 25th April 2021 at 7.30pm via Zoom. Everyone is welcome to attend. The invitation is shown below. If you would like to attend please email the secretary on [anne.luttmanjohnson@gmail.com](mailto:anne.luttmanjohnson@gmail.com) who will send you the zoom invitation.

Sports and Social Club AGM

Time: Apr 25, 2021 07:30 PM London

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3rd April - Kingham (H)

10th April - Milton Res (H)

13th April - Chadlington Res (A)

17th April - Spartan Rangers Res (H)

20th April - Brize Norton (A)

1st May - Carterton Town B (A)



## CRICKET NEWS

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2. B T I of M
3. T D H I just B D
4. N C A C till M I O
5. A M as A M H
6. T I another D
7. O S doesn't M A S
8. R W built I A D

Answers next month

Answers to last month's expressions and sayings:

1. To Make A Mountain Out Of A Molehill
2. Looking For A Needle In A Haystack
3. A Bird In The Hand Is Worth Two In The Bush
4. Don't Count Your Chickens Before They Hatch
5. The Early Bird Catches The Worm
6. Birds Of A Feather Flock Together
7. To Beat About The Bush
8. To Go On A Wild Goose Chase

### Gardening Tips for April



- Plant veg seeds but be very vigilant about ground frosts, use fleece not bubble wrap as bubble wrap causes condensation and then freezes on the seedlings.
- Start chitting your early potatoes.
- Dig and prep your veg garden and work out your planting rotation.
- Scarify your lawn and use a plugger to aerate it to help prevent lawn moss.
- Apply extra lawn feed after aerating to green the grass.
- Move and divide early flowering bulbs eg snowdrops and crocus.
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Cassington, then and now	Save Cassington Allotments

### WI News

This month we held our Annual General Meeting, of course via Zoom. Usually it's a lively meeting when we choose the new committee and after finishing the business side of the evening we end with a supper prepared by our members and wine and soft drinks provided by our club.

This year was very different as all the committee members were happy to stay on for the next year and after the secretary and treasurer delivered their reports, the business was completed quickly.

We had all prepared our supper and had a glass of our favourite tippie and chatted and joked with the members, many of whom we hadn't seen for a while. It was such a lovely, friendly, fun evening and we were planning how we hope to meet up socially after restrictions start to be lifted.

Our next meeting, again by Zoom probably, will be on 15th April. Until then, stay safe and in touch.

President.	Sheila Nelson	880740
Secretary	Di Williams.	881680
Treasurer.	Jane Cook.	881352



# what's on?

Dates for your diary

## April 2021

Thursday 1st 7:30pm (via zoom) Parish Council Meeting

Sunday 4th Easter Day

Monday 12th Pubs reopen

Thursday 15th (via zoom) WI meeting

Tuesday 20th May CAWN deadline

Sunday 25th (via zoom) Sports and Social Club AGM

## May 2021

Thursday 6th 7:30pm (tbc) Parish Council Meeting

Thursday 20th June CAWN deadline

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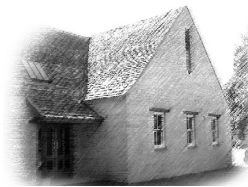
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